

## House Resolution No. 2373

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

**Whereas**, Larry G. Ficken, an esteemed resident of Knob Noster, Missouri, will officially retire from the Knob Noster R-VIII School District on June 30, 2004, after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible thirty-one years; and

**Whereas**, Larry Ficken has played an integral role in the educational development of many Missouri youth as a stellar employee of the Knob Noster R-VIII School District for twenty-three years, during which time he served as an Assistant Superintendent for eleven years and as Superintendent for twelve years; and

**Whereas**, prior to joining the Knob Noster R-VIII School District, Larry Ficken gained an immeasurable amount of teaching experience as an educator in Missouri's public schools for eight years; and

**Whereas**, Larry Ficken is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri State Teachers Association, Missouri Association of Rural Education, Missouri Association of School Administrators, Missouri School Boards Association, Missouri Association of School Business Officials, Military Impacted School Association, Knob Noster Association of Teachers, Whiteman Air Force Base Community Council, Knob Noster Lions Club, and the First Christian Church; and

**Whereas**, Larry Ficken has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Carol V. Ficken; his three children and their spouses, Ryan E. and Michelle Ficken, Wesley P. and Amy Ficken, and Lori Beth Ficken; and his granddaughter, Morgan:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Larry Ficken for his thirty-one years of unparalleled service to the Knob Noster R-VIII School District and to the teaching profession, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Larry G. Ficken.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative David Pearce  
District No. 121

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2373, adopted April 29, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker